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**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**


The relevance of references AA, AB, and AL-AP was discussed in the Specification. References AM, AO and AP were also cited during the prosecution of the German priority application. References AA, AB, AL and AN are in English, so

no further commentary on their teaching is required. Reference AM is a German patent document—reference AC is a corresponding English language document. References AO and AP are German language patent documents discussed in the Specification—a full translation of these documents will be produced at the request of the Examiner.

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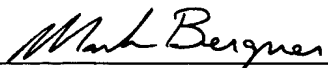
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